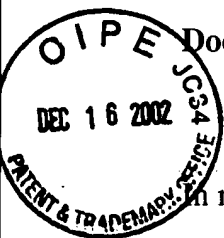


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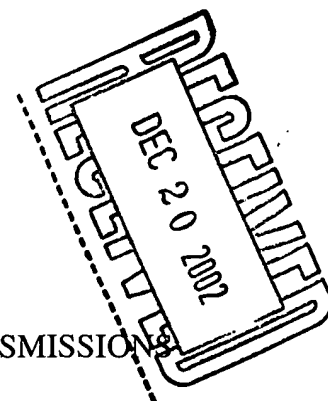
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Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97-1.98 and MPEP § 609, the references noted on the attached Form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the attention of the Examiner.

No fees are believed to be necessary since the reference cited in this statement was cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to this submission. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 501458. A duplicate copy of this letter is submitted herewith for that purpose.

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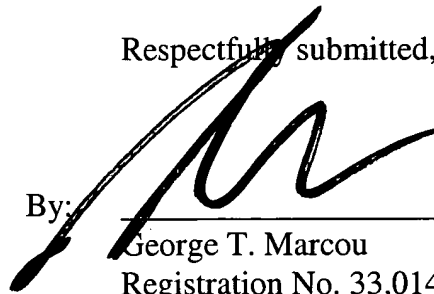
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